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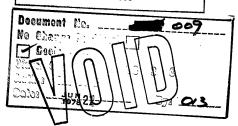
The Sikkim State Congress (SSC) called for a three point program in 1949. The three points stressed were (a) "responsible government", (b) reform of the existing land tenure system so that the Gurka farmers would obtain more benefits, and (c) political unification with India. The SSC became so strong that the Maharaja of Sikkim called on the GOI for assistance.* Now, however, the strength of the SSC is waning since the GOI advocated land reform and this reform is now being put into effect.**

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Comment. This interpretation of events is subject to the pro-Indian prejudices of the informant.

Comment. The time at which the SSC became strong is not specified, but it is believed to have some connection with the threepoint program which the SSC called for. The report is further interpreted to mean that the GOI persuaded the Maharaja to advocate land reform, thus undercutting the SSC platform.

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